

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 8-48 without prejudice. No new matter is presented. Claims 1-7 are pending. Applicants submit that the pending claims are supported by the specification.

Summary

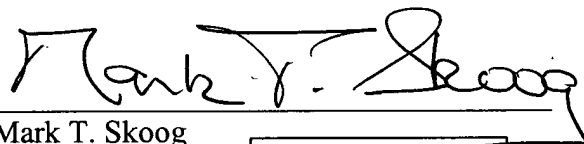
Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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